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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: February 25, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION THAT OSWALD
WAS AN FBI INFORMANT

Reference my memorandum 2/10/64 to you indicating that we had traced down the above-captioned rumor to one Colonel Philip Corso, who is currently employed by Senator Strom Thurmond, Dem. -S.C. Referenced memorandum reported the results of the interview with Colonel Corso on February 10th, 1964. At that time, Colonel Corso indicated that his "sources in CIA had never presumed that Oswald was an informant for the FBI." I specifically asked Colonel Corso in Senator Thurmond's presence to identify these sources. He promised that he would contact the sources and then contact me again on 2/11/64 to indicate whether the sources would be willing to be interviewed or not.

When Colonel Corso failed to recontact me by 5:00 p.m., 2-11-64, I called him. He stated he had not yet had an opportunity to recontact his sources. He stressed that his sources had no facts but that their belief that Oswald was an informant for the FBI merely stemmed from idle deduction during a conversation. He stated that he was responsible for leading the discussion in this regard inasmuch as, based upon his extensive experiences with military intelligence, he felt that any American citizen who was given a job in the Soviet Union, allowed to marry a Soviet citizen, and allowed to bring his wife back to the United States, could only be an FBI or CIA informant. Colonel Corso indicated that he had no facts whatsoever to base his deductions upon, and neither did his CIA friends. I told him that nevertheless we would like to confront his CIA friends and tell them too that these so-called "deductions" were absolutely false and that this was a scurrilous rumor to be spreading around. Colonel Corso promised to contact me within the next 3 days.

When Colonel Corso did not contact me by the afternoon of 2-25-64, I called him again. He first would not accept the call, but upon the occasion of my second call to him the same afternoon, he came on the phone and apologized by stating that he had been traveling for Senator Thurmond and had not had a chance to call me. We went over the same facts once again whereupon he indicated that inasmuch as his "CIA friends" had no facts whatsoever he did not want to reveal their identity. He emphasized the fact that his allegations had been strictly deductions and had no basis in fact. I told him this was a pretty poor way of doing business, particularly for a man who supposedly had been trained in intelligence operations. I let him know in no uncertain facts of the work he had caused us as well as the fact that I intended advising Senator Thurmond of the outcome

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of this incident. He asked if I would come up and have lunch with him sometime in the future, and I told him this did not appear to be necessary under the circumstances.

ACTION

As indicated by memorandum of 2-10-64, Colonel Corso is a "dreamer" who uses no logic in conversation and who is extremely difficult to pin down to specifics. I doubt very seriously that he has any "CIA friends" who have discussed these allegations or made these "deductions" with him. For this reason, I see no basis upon which we could approach CIA and protest this matter.

For record purposes.

Corso is a rat.